



**Student Visa and U.S. Higher Education**  
A U.S. Consulate General, Hyderabad Face book Chat, held on  
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Facebook Chat Transcript

**US Vice Consul:** It's F1 Friday again. We will be here to answer your F1 related questions for the next hour.

**Student:** I have applied for a student visa as an undergraduate two time for the USA under the spring and fall session of 2014. First I applied in January for Concordia university Wisconsin for biology program I got a rejection and after I applied in fall for California state university, Fresno at same programme. And then also I got a rejection, I didn't have any intention in living in USA still I got rejection under 214(b) that I am still thinking that I have given all the tests the SAT and TOEFL. I attained good marks 83 on Toefl and 2200 on SAT still rejection so please help me out that what you want in a student what should he do to get a visa.

**US Vice Consul:** I know that it is disappointing not to get a visa. We look at many factors when determining if a student qualifies for a visa, not just test scores, so there is not one thing that I can tell you to do to change your application. Applicants who were refused a visa are eligible to reapply. If you were recently denied a visa, you should be prepared to talk about what has changed in your personal situation that addresses the reason for your visa denial.

**Student:** I tried last spring (2013) for F-1 visa but I got rejected for Three Times & Now I'm planning to go with my job(H-1) visa..Does my F-1 Visa rejection shows any effect on my job visa.

**US Vice Consul:** During the interview, you will need to be able to explain how you meet the qualifications for the visa for which you are applying. An officer might ask about previous refusals, so it would make sense to be prepared to discuss what happened.

**Student:** I've recently approved my Student VISA and I could find a star(asterisk) symbol under the photo. I've seen two and three stars in other VISAS. What does it signifies? I've researched it on google too, but I couldn't find the appropriate answer. Very curious to know, what it represents to? Not only me, all the students who got approved are curious to know about this?

**US Vice Consul:** Visas and passports include many security and quality control features that don't always reflect back on the applicant. In this case, don't let your friend fool you into thinking that one star (or three) are better than one!

**Student:** I want to apply for masters in u.s this yr soon.. and my question is.. am a passout of year 2013 march (biotechnology)... then from then till now am doing a simple job ie (business development executive ) i.e completely diff. from my field (medical) .. so i need to know, during my embassy interview if i show this duration experience, is there any chance of rejecting my application ?? as the job am doing its completely different from my stream....

**US Vice Consul:** Previous work experience is only one of the factors that visa officers look at during an interview. You should be prepared to talk about your academic past in India and future plans to prove you are a credible, qualified student.

An applicant for a student visa (F-1 or M-1) must demonstrate the following:

- Acceptance at a school.
  - Possession of sufficient funds.
  - Minimum preparation for course of study.
  - Present intent to leave the United States at conclusion of studies
- If you are able to discuss these things, you should have no problem!

**Student:** Today was my visa interview in hyderabad Counter no 15 but I have being shifted to counter no 13th8:30am slot Sir madam I am really very much insulated madam I was truth on my each and every point But vo said he wil not believe my storys. He said my father cannot afford that If I would belong to poor family I would not have money to pay even consulate fee, I belong to good rich family , thats why I have applied for 5 times From 1 year I am struggling for visa just to study , if vo would have any doubt on my funds he would

check my documents, I don't want to do any job there seriously, for just 19yr old girl no one will give job based on just high school in USA, just want to study there, because it was my dream from my high school days to complete my education in USA, I was just requesting a lot but he did not believe me. It's like you don't believe the people who say truth, it's easy to say you are rejected but it's very hard to manage it sir, if you don't want to give visa please say us so we don't re-apply again and we will leave, at least we do not get hurt after doing a lot of struggle and getting I-20 then research on that university, it's too hard. Anyway sir I respect your decision, and your words. Thanks for taking my interview, sorry for your time that I have wasted.

**US Vice Consul:** I understand that it is disappointing when you go through the interview process but are not granted a visa. Consular officers look at the totality of a student's situation during their interview to assess whether they meet the qualifications for a visa class. If you think there is something that has changed in your application or you believe that there was a misunderstanding during the interview, you are always free to reapply.

**Student:** I got northwest polytechnic university. First attempt in Mumbai, second attempt in Hyderabad unfortunately it was rejected my visa, but they asked only one question, which university I said, they gave me 214b form I can't understand why they are rejected, I think npu is block list. Can you please tell me exact reason why they rejected.

**US Vice Consul:** Unfortunately, we cannot answer questions about specific cases on a public form. We look at many factors when assessing whether a student qualifies for a student visa, not just the school they are attending.

**Student:** I got F1 VISA approved through XXX university which has start date on September 24th, but I want to transfer to other university after going to US which has the start date on August 25th. As per VISA rules, I can't leave before 30 days earlier to start date. Can you show me some way so that I can leave India on August 15.

**US Vice Consul:** We encourage individuals to travel to the U.S. with the visa for the school for which they plan to attend. If you want to transfer universities once you have arrived in the U.S. you will need to contact the international adviser at your university who could guide you through the process.

**Student:** Please help me my visa got approved on 2 June 2014, but on 28 June I got to know that my I-20 is cancelled due to my English proficiency. They told me that they will send a new I-20 for next year May 2015 but I don't know what will happen to my visa it will be valid or not if I wait till 11 months here. However I have another Two I-20s from different universities can I go for other university?. please help me out from this situation looking forward for your valuable reply.

**US Vice Consul:** If your I-20 has been cancelled, then you cannot enter the United States on that visa. If you have other I-20s you can reapply for a visa. You will need to follow the same process that you did before. You may apply for your student visa at [www.ustraveldocs.com/in](http://www.ustraveldocs.com/in) as long as you have a valid I-20 form and passport.

**Student:** My query is somewhat lengthy please don't mind officer as I'm waiting since from one week to clear all my doubts. 1) My Visa denied four times for Summer 2014 it was my mistake I didn't answer confidently I was a little bit tense and I didn't convince Visa Officer. 2) But later I applied for better university for this fall and I got I-20 from that university. 3) I applied for my visa interview again for the 5th time but this time I'm much confident about visa interview but my bad luck again my visa denied.....but my intention is to study in USA. 4) Officer told me while giving my passport and 214b form come with some experience but officer I have 2 years experience related to my field & my area of interest which I want to do master's.

5) Officer can you suggest me should I change in my profile I mean retake my GRE exam attend once again.

6) Officer how many times can a person can apply visa slot if he/she rejects 6 or 8 times until he/she gets visa the chances of getting visa is less if we apply more and more times is it true.

**US Vice Consul:** We look at many factors, not just what university a student will be attending or their test scores. While you are always free to reapply and there is no limit on the number of times that you can reapply, officers apply the same laws and if nothing has significantly changed in your profile when you reapply, you are likely to get the same result.

**Student:** I done my Bachlore in 2013 from computer Science after that i done job for 1 year up to last may.I started planning to do master for spring 2015 and took ielts and gre last month and got 5.5 and 278.I still did not apply to colleges.I am planning to retake exams on aug and want to apply from september.Does this late applying could affect my visa?

**US Vice Consul:** Each university has its own application process and deadlines. The United States-India Educational Foundation (<http://www.usief.org.in/>) is a great source of information on schools and studying in the U.S. and the staff there could help answer your questions.

**Student:** One of my friend got admit from Northwestern Polytechnic University..and he gave his visa interview two times..The visa officer does not even asked him a single question about his profile after saying his university name..they simply give him 214(b) form.what shoule he do now?

**US Vice Consul:** As you might have read below, visa officers look at many factors when assessing whether a student qualifies for a student visas, not just the university where the student will be attending.

**Student:** ok sir,can he attend with Northwestern Polytechnic University..again?

**US Vice Consul:** Yes, but individuals whose nonimmigrant visa applications were refused are eligible to reapply. However, we do not recommend that applicants reapply unless they are able to present significant new evidence that addresses the previous grounds for refusal. Keep in mind that consular officers evaluate the totality of a student's application, including their academic preparation for the proposed course of study, their intent to study while in the United State, and their ability to fund their program of study.

**Student:** Actually my visa rejected in summer intake... my documents all are genuine. But i got call from embassy for 2nd review. I did nt went to 2nd review. On my interview my mobile had been switch off. That day i came from pune..my mobile kept in my room. After my visa interview i reached pune around afternoon 2 Oclock.i knew the news about call from embassy around evng...5 O'clock..is there any problem from next attempt..

1. where are u living ryt now?
2. show me ur job documents?
3. are u consult any job consultancy?
4. why Mumbai?
5. why not hyd?
6. where is ur march pays lip...? urgent.....

**US Vice Consul:** Unfortunately, I cannot comment on specific cases in a public forum. If there are specific questions about your case, please send an email to: [support-india@ustraveldocs.com](mailto:support-india@ustraveldocs.com).

**Student:** How many times can student visa (F1) can apply if he/she rejects 6 or 8 times until he/she get visa the chances of getting visa is less if we apply more and more times is it true.

**US Vice Consul:** Rk: Similar to my answer to your question below. While you are always free to reapply and there is no limit on the number of times that you can reapply, officers apply the same laws and if nothing has significantly changed in your profile when you reapply, you are likely to get the same result.

**US Vice Consul:** Thanks again for your questions this week. I also want to share with you a couple videos of consular officers addressing some common questions that students have. Hope they are helpful!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqPXL69U4j0&list=UU3GTBfpG6LGrx9PIbC1uWig>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PU7sp8zxCzE&list=UU3GTBfpG6LGrx9PIbC1uWig>  
Have questions on the student visa process? Hangout with Sreenidhi Institute of Science & Technology